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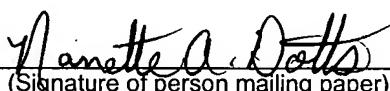
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Sir:

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U.S. Patent 5,985,776 is believed to be an English language equivalent of European Patent EP 0 637 641 and is being provided in lieu of a translation of EP 0 637 641 B1.

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Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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